IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent of: Harald Sontheimer et al.

Application No. 08/980,395

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For: Novel Method of Diagnosing & **Treating Gliomas**

Examiner: Sheela Huff

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2001 (Paper No. 28), the period for response having been extended by one month to January 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please substitute claims 38 as follows:

38. (Once Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmacologically effective dose of chlorotoxin and a cytotoxic moiety that is effective to suppress the growth of tumor cells which are glial in origin.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated September 20, 2001 has been carefully reviewed and the forgoing amendments are made in response thereto. The Examiner's courtesy in granting the Applicants a telephonic interview is acknowledged with appreciation. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that no prohibited new matter has been introduced by the amendments. While written description support for the amendments to claim 38 can be found throughout the specification, specific support can be found on page 43, lines 8-10.

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